



AUGUSTA:

THURSDAY MORNING, MARCH 18, 1856.

THE FINANCIAL AFFAIRS OF AUGUSTA, &c.

The annual report of the Finance Committee, for the year ending February 28, 1856, has been published, and from it we gather the following items of interest:—

The State tax was \$4,174 12; county tax, \$3,304 82; for highways, schools, to meet notes, &c., \$23,380; supplementary, and fractional overpayments, \$1,672 94; total tax assessed, \$32,531 88.

The amount of residential valuation is \$2,364, 043; non-residential valuation, \$115,362 50; total valuation \$2,479,405 50.

The number of polls assessed (\$1 each) is 1,555. On resident property, the rate of taxation is 1 1/2 per cent; on non-resident property, 1 1/4 per cent.

The following are expenditures of the city government for the past year:—

For highways, \$5,504 47—being an excess, over the appropriation, of \$504 47; new streets, \$3,208 05—an excess of \$408 05; schools, (including all former balances and uncollected taxes), \$8,864 60—leaving due the various school districts, \$2,539 37—total, \$11,144 56; support of poor, \$9,337 37—an excess of \$1,937 37; city officers, \$1,235 28—due and unpaid \$455—total, \$1,750 28—an excess of \$229 28; discounts on taxes, \$1,685 66—excess, \$185 66; interest on loans, \$1,209 50—being \$130 50 less than appropriation—balance credited to poor account; river note and interest, and annual interest on ten river notes, \$830—same as appropriation; fire department, \$955 50—excess, \$55 50; payments on taxes of 1855, \$309 79—being \$440 21 less than appropriation; police, \$776 50—excess, \$176 50; printing, \$115 07—being \$84 93 less than appropriation; contingent expenses, \$741 48, of which \$88 70 went to balance poor account—leaving a balance of \$474 22 in favor of the city; city agency, \$2,160 22—to meet which there has been paid into the treasury \$1,700, and the liquor, cakes, and money on hand cover the balance; outstanding claims paid during the year, \$17,762 70—balance in favor of the city, \$643 85.

The liabilities of the city are estimated at \$40,255 62, and the resources at \$9,742 84—leaving a balance against the city of \$30,512 78. By the financial report of last year, the liabilities of the city were stated at \$38,320 53, and the resources, \$10,010 08—leaving a balance against the city of \$28,310 45—showing an increase of liabilities, for the past year, of \$1,202 33.

But, by reason of various outstanding accounts, not estimated in last year's report, the finance committee for the present year claim that the true account of liabilities of the city, on the 28th of February, 1855, was \$41,572 53; resources, \$10,010 08—leaving a balance against the city of \$31,562 45. This would show a decrease in the liabilities of the city, for the past year, of \$304 23.

The city property, not included in the estimate of resources, amounts to \$13,444 24. The chief items are,—city farm and buildings, \$4,500; personal property at city farm, \$2,214 24; Mt. Pleasant Cemetery, \$1,200; Atlantic and Pacific engines, \$2,500; engine house and lot, \$1,500; Deluge and Fire Queen engines, apparatus and house, and other fire apparatus, \$900; derrick, and tools and lumber in hands of street commissioners, \$335; two safes, \$250.

There are now pending against the city four suits, as follows:—

One in favor of Wills & Lombard, for Li-

quors; amount claimed was \$3,728 45.

One in favor of John Trull and al., of Boston, for Liquors delivered and sold, as they say,

to Wills & Lombard, for the city, \$510 85.

One in favor of George W. Ricker, for hire of

horses and carriages at the 4th of July Cele-

bration, 1854; amount claimed, \$110.

One in favor of John Shaw; an action of

recovery for Liquors sold on a warrant in be-

half of the State, October 25th, 1855, by the

acting City Marshal of that year; amount

claimed, \$205 50.

For further particulars we must refer our

readers to the report itself.

Connected with this report are the annual

reports of the Overseers of the Poor, Street

Commissioners, City Marshal, and Chief Engi-

neer of Fire Department,—a return of all mar-

riages and deaths in this city for the past year,

by the City Clerk,—and a list of the members

of the City Government for 1855-6.

The Overseers of the Poor, in their report say,

"The farm, dwelling-house, out-buildings, farm-

ing utensils, &c., bear testimony to the indus-

try and fidelity of Mr. Albert Hardy, the Su-

perintendent. Mr. Hardy has been on the farm

three years, and has, we believe, sought to pro-

mote the interests of the City, while not un-

mindful of the comfort and interests of those

placed under his care. He declines a re-en-

gagement, and wishes to be relieved at the ear-

liest possible day."

The amount paid other towns, for our poor,

the past year, has been unusually large. In-

sanity has also been a large item in the ex-

penditures for this department.

The crops raised on the City Farm, in 1855,

were as follows:—30 tons hay; 40 bushels pa-

tatoes; 100 do. corn; 90 do. oats; 214 do.

rye; 81 do. barley; 12 do. turnips; 4 do. beets;

3 do. pumpkins; 2 do. onions; 9 do. beans;

160 do. carrots; 100 heads cabbage; 75 lb.

butter; 87 do. beef; 1400 do. pork; and 400

bushels of apples.

Besides this there was received for milk \$80;

for pasturing, \$70 86; and for labor done away

from farm, \$224 32. The Superintendent has

expended in repairs on House, \$50; and paid

out for hired labor, \$185.

The Street Commissioners state that the ex-

penses of repairing highways were considerably

increased by the frost of October, and by the

severe storms of the present winter. Consider-

able improvements have been made upon the

highways and sidewalks, the past season.

The Chief Engineer reports the fire engines,

particularly the Atlantic and Pacific, in good

order and condition. There is now no company

attached to the Atlantic, and has been none

since the discharge of the company, Sept. 1,

1855. The company of the Pacific numbers 40

men.

He recommends a night watch, of at least

two, throughout the year, and attributes the

orderly and quiet condition of the streets by

night, during the past year, to the faithfulness

and diligence of such a watch.

He concludes by observing that, since the

September election, drunkenness in the streets

has very much increased, and leaves it to the

public to decide where the responsibility be-

longes.

The report of City Clerk, and list of officers,

close this document, which embraces 52 pages,

and will be found of special interest to every

tax payer and resident of our city.

MUNICIPAL ELECTION.

Our annual city election took place on Mon-

day last. The vote was a large one, exceeding

that of March, 1855, by some 100 votes, but fall-

ing behind that of September last by about 200.

The candidates for Mayor were J. W. Pat-

terson, re-nominated by the Republican party, and

Albert G. Dole, candidate of the citizens, and

opponents of the other party, generally.

The candidates for Police Judge were Geo. S.

Mulliken, the present incumbent, nominated by

the citizens' caucus,—and John Potter, Esq.,

the nominee of the Republican party. The vote

in the several Wards for Mayor and Police Judge

stood as follows:

Mayor. Police Judge.

Wards. Dole. Potter. Mulliken. Potter.

1 147 133 148 130

2 127 94 133 93

3 132 126 132 119

4 82 55 83 57

5 89 67 91 64

6 80 59 80 59

7 53 74 50 73

Total, 710 606 717 595

It will be seen that the majority for Mr. Dole

is 104; for Mulliken, 122.

The following are the members elect of the

City Council for the ensuing year:

ALDERMEN.—Ward 1, Moses M. Swan; Ward

2, John Mulliken; Ward 3, Samuel B. Hodg-

kins; Ward 4, Joel Richardson; Ward 5, Robert

A. Cony; Ward 6, Charles Sawyer; Ward 7,

Daniel Savage.

COMMON COUNCILMEN.—Ward 1, Harrison Bar-

ker; George Darby, Vassal D. Pinkham; Ward

2, A. Staples, J. Prescott Wyman, Sam'l Guild;

Ward 3, Aaron Cowie, M. B. Fowler, Reuben

McKenney; Ward 4, Jacob Sammers, William

Ballard, Nathaniel Perkins; Ward 5, S. O.

Copeland, Ziba Hanks, John Nowell; Ward 6,

Charles White, David Robbins, Melville W.

Fuller; Ward 7, Isaac Church, William Sibyl,

Franklin A. Heave.

The Ward Officers elect are as follows:

WARDENS.—Ward 1, Edward Fennell; Ward

2, Amasa Kelley; Ward 3, Daniel Woodward;

Ward 4, John Cony; Ward 5, S. O. Copeland;

Ward 6, Alex. Kincaid; Ward 7, —

CLERKS.—Ward 1, John A. Richards; Ward

2, Thomas C. Noble; Ward 3, Chas. S. Green-

leaf; Ward 4, G. S. Brown; Ward 5, Sam'l

Patterson; Ward 6, A. J. Reynolds; Ward 7,

CONSTABLES.—Ward 1, Wm. H. Norcross;

Ward 2, Hiram Red; Ward 3, Darius Place;

Ward 4, Edward Folger; Ward 5, Comfort S.

Hickey; Ward 6, Geo. Safford; Ward 7, Levi

Hussey.

Those marked with a star (*) are Republicans.

All the others were Whigs or Democrats, and

were elected on the citizens' ticket.

We are indebted to our neighbor of the Age

for many of the above particulars.

DAGUERREOTYPES.

We would call the attention of our readers,

and strangers from out of town, who have

occasion to visit Augusta, and who may desire

to patronize a daguerreotypist, to the establish-

ment of Mr. O. P. Howe, opposite the Stan-

ley House.

Mr. Howe's daguerreotypes, and also his an-

tropies, are very fine specimens of his art.

We have also seen some photographs made

by him, for a gentleman in connection with

this office, which are certainly very finely ex-

ecuted. Mr. Howe's establishment is beautifully

arranged for the comfort and convenience of

his patrons, and we have no hesitation in say-

ing that the treatment they will receive from

the hands of this good-natured artist, will re-

move all our looks from the countenance, and

secure for the sitter a life-like, good-looking and

pleasant picture.

ANOTHER REVOLUTIONARY SOLDIER GONE.

The few surviving heroes of that eventful pe-

riod, the Revolution, are fast dropping off, and

passing away. We are called upon this week

to notice the death of Mr. Morgan Brewster,

of Leeds, who died on the 13th ult., aged

93 years, 5 mos., and 19 days. Mr. B. was

born in Rome, N. Y. He was a soldier in the

Revolution, enlisting as a fifer, when he was

but 16 years of age, and faithfully serving his

time.

In March, 1785, he was married, in Han-

over, Mass., and two years afterwards he moved

to Little's Borough, now Leeds, in this State,

where he bought a farm, and for 68 years lived

an honest and upright life.

SOME SNOW.

The drifts upon the railroads, this winter,

exceed anything before known in

number and depth. The Portland Argus says

that a car from Boston arrived in this city, last

week, with a load of snow upon the roof, which

fell from a pile that had been thrown up by the

snow plough and shovel, and overtopped the

train. We see it stated, also, that in three places

between Portland and Boston the snow is so

deep that it has been necessary to erect stages

to shovel from, in order to throw the snow

which obstructed the track clear of the drift.

Not much wonder that the trains have been

delayed, with such drifts as that to dig through.

SENTENCE OF COBURN AND DALTON.

In the Municipal Court, Boston, on Wednesday

last week, Edward O. Coburn and Benj. F. Dalton

were sentenced, for the assault on Mr. Sumner,

as follows:—Coburn, ten months imprisonment

in the common jail, and to pay a fine of \$250;

Dalton, five months imprisonment and a fine of

\$200. The Traveller says:—"The severity of

the sentence, from the gross provocation which

led to the assault, appeared to create consider-

able astonishment in court."

The sentence for the assault on Porter, was

deferred, owing to the absence of one of the

judges, until this (Tuesday) morning.

THE PACIFIC. The steamship Africa brings

no news of the Pacific. This noble vessel is

now, Tuesday, in her 48th day out, and it

would almost seem as if all hopes of her safety

would be given up. Still, her owners feel con-

fident that she is afloat and will yet be heard

from. We trust it may be so.

THE WRITING IN ANGELOUQUE. J. B. Hall,

Esq., writing from Prose Isle, under date of the

5th inst., says:—"We are having a stormy

blustering time. Had another heavy snow last

Sunday. I never saw the roads so badly block-

ed up, since I have lived in the County some

twenty years."

NEW HAMPSHIRE ELECTION. The State elec-

tion in New Hampshire takes place to-day,

Tuesday. Hon. John S. Wells is the Demo-

cratic, Ichabod Goodwin the Whig, and Ralph

Metcalf the Republican candidate.

EDITOR'S TABLE.

WOLFESEN. Boston, Phillips, Sampson &

Co. This work is something out of the usual

track of story tellers. It is decidedly new and

original, even to the "P. F." (Preliminary

Flourish) with which the author commences.

The larger part of the work has its locale in

Maine, and Wolfeesen is supposed to be located

in Oxford County—up among the mountains.

The Boston Journal says:

"The descriptions of the country, its gener-

ous life and local hospitality, are excellent;

and there is a tenderness, freshness and truth-

fulness of sentiment that one does not often see

in writings upon such subjects. "J. B., who-

ever he may be, writes solid sense with refresh-

ing simplicity, and in the early parts of Wol-

feesen, country born and brown bread eating

readers will appreciate the odor and air of a fine,

country life, even if they cannot quite hear,

through the interstices of the plot, the melody

of corn-stalk rattles and pumpkin vine trum-

bones."

We have copied, upon our fourth page, one

of the opening chapters of this work, which

